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SUBJECT: VISA REQUESTS

REF: STATE 296228

1. MENTIONED VISA PROBLEMS CITED REFTEL TO PRESIDENT BONGO DURING MEETING DEC 8 PROVOKING REACTION OF UNHAPPINESS THAT WASHINGTON EMBASSY NOT HANDLNG VISA ISSUANCES MORE EXPEDITIOUSLY. IN MY PRESENCE, PRESIDENT HAND-DRAFTED TELEGRAM TO AMBASSADOR KOMBILA ON VISA QUESTION AND INSTRUCTED THAT IT BE SENT FORTHWITH. AS HE DID NOT SHOW ME TEXT, NOT SURE WHETHER IT PROVIDES GENERALLY BROADER AUTHORITY TO KOMBILA ON TOURIST VISAS OR DEALS ONLY WITH CURRENT CASES, BUT TRUST YOU CAN FIND THIS OUT AT YOUR END.

2. CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE AT DOCUMENTATION CENTER OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, WHICH ISSUES PERMISSION FOR VISAS TO FONMIN, HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED EMBASSY NOT REPEAT NOT TO PURSUE CERTIFICATS D'HEBERGEMENT. THIS PROCEDURE IS USED PRIMARILY FOR CITIZENS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES TO ENSURE THEY WILL NOT BE A CHARGE ON THE STATE WHILE SEARCHING FOR EMPLOYMENT IN GABON, AND PROCESS IS LENGTHY AND INVOLVED.

3. CONSEILLER AGREED TO ACCEPT LETTERS FROM EMBASSY AS BASIS FOR EXPEDITING VISAS FOR THREE GROUPS MENTIONED REFTEL. LETTERS WERE DELIVERED PRIOR MEETING WITH
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